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SUBJECT: SHARP FIGHTING EXPECTED IN SEVERAL AREAS OF SOUTH  
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RECENT NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOP DEPLOYMENTS

POINT TOWARD A NEW ROUND OF SHARP FIGHTING IN SEVERAL SECTORS OF  
SOUTH VIETNAM.

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THE MOST INTENSE ACTION PROBABLY WILL OCCUR IN THE EXTREME  
NORTHERN PROVINCES OF QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN. THE THREE  
COMMUNIST DIVISIONS THERE ARE ALL SHOWING SIGNS OF PREPARING TO

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INCREASE TACTICAL ACTIVITY.

COMMUNIST FORCES NORTH AND WEST OF SAIGON ALSO MAY BE GETTING READY TO INTENSIFY THE ACTION. MOREOVER, COMMUNIST LOGISTIC UNITS ~~RECENTLY~~ HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MOVING UNUSUALLY LARGE AMOUNTS OF SUPPLIES TO THE COSVN AREA.

IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCE OF QUANG NAM, WHERE THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING HAS OCCURRED IN RECENT WEEKS, THE GOVERNMENT ON AUGUST 7 ABANDONED ITS LAST OUTPOST NEAR THUONG DUC AND THE DISTRICT CAPITAL IS NOW IN COMMUNIST HANDS. NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS ARE MAINTAINING ~~THE~~ PRESSURE ON SEVERAL OTHER DISTRICT CAPITALS IN THE PROVINCE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED IN REINFORCEMENTS, INCLUDING AN AIRBORNE BRIGADE FROM SAIGON AND AN INFANTRY REGIMENT FROM THE HUE AREA. E2 IMPDET.H

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